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ADMINISTRATOR

November 6, 2017

The Honorable Doug Ducey  
Governor of Arizona  
1700 West Washington Street  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Governor Ducey:

I am writing to inform you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has determined that air quality in part of Arizona meets the 2015 ground-level ozone standards, consistent with your recommendations for those areas. As such, we are designating these areas "attainment/unclassifiable." The enclosed table lists the portions of Arizona the agency is designating at this time. For the rest of Arizona, the EPA is not extending the time provided under section 107 of the Clean Air Act but is not yet prepared to issue designations. The agency intends to address these areas in a separate future action.

Improved air quality is a shared goal and together, we have made considerable progress to reduce ozone levels throughout the country. As a testament to cooperative federalism, monitored levels of ozone have dropped 22 percent since 1990. Increasingly important is the recognition of and improved understanding regarding external elements that can impact a state's ability to achieve compliance, including background ozone, international transport and exceptional events. The agency intends to give appropriate consideration to these and many other factors during our continued conversation and work with you and your state staff on the 2015 ozone standards. I appreciate the information already provided and look forward to continued engagement on this important issue.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact me or your staff may contact Troy Lyons, Associate Administrator for the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, at [lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov) or at (202) 564-5200.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Scott Pruitt", is written over the typed name. The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping loop at the beginning.

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Enclosure

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**Enclosure: Designated Areas for the 2015 Ozone Standards**

<b>Arizona</b>	
<b>Area</b>	<b>Designation</b>
Apache County	Attainment/Unclassifiable
Cochise County	Attainment/Unclassifiable
Greenlee County	Attainment/Unclassifiable
Santa Cruz County	Attainment/Unclassifiable